

*WE SEEK TO UNITE ALL PEOPLE WITH GOD AND EACH OTHER IN CHRIST THROUGH WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, EDUCATION, AND SERVICE.*

*Welcome! We're glad you're here.*

**PRELUDE: Hymn Medley**

**Opening Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth" ..... Dix**

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,  
For the love that from our birth over and around us lies:  
**[Refrain] Christ, our God, to thee we raise**  
**This our hymn of grateful praise.**
2. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light....
3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight....
4. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild....
5. For the Church which evermore lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore thy pure sacrifice of love....
6. For each perfect gift of thine to the world so freely given,  
Faith and hope and love divine, peace on earth and joy in heaven....

**OPENING SENTENCES:**

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." .....**Psalm 122:1**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. ....**Philippians 1:2**

## CONFESSION OF SIN:

*Officiant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All:* **Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart,  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

## THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER:

*All Stand*

*Officiant:* Lord, open our lips.

*All:* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia**

*Officiant:* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

*All:* **Come let us adore him.**

## Venite: S-35 (sung by all)

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
 and a great King above all gods.  
 In his hand are the caverns of the earth,\*  
 and the heights of the hills are his also.  
 The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
 and his hands have molded the dry land.  
 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
 and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.  
 Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

*Officiant:*     Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.  
*All:*           ***Come let us adore him.***

## **THE PSALM..... Psalm 1**

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
     nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
     nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD,\*  
     and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
     bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
     everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
     they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
     nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \*  
     but the way of the wicked is doomed.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:\**  
*as it was in the beginning, is now, and will before ever. Amen.*

## **THE LESSONS**

### **FIRST READING.....Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

Moses said to all Israel the words which the LORD commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live

and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

The Word of the Lord.

*Response: Thanks be to God.*

### **Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah**

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.  
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

### **Second Reading.....Philemon 1-21**

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed

received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The word of the Lord.

*Response:* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Canticle 19 The Song of the Redeemed**

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.  
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.  
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the Holy One.  
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The Word of the Lord

*Response:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn "In the Garden" ..... C. Austin Miles**

1. I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses,

And the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses:

**[Refrain: And He walks with me, and He talks with me,**

**And He tells me I am His own;**

**And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.]**

2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice is so sweet

The birds hush their singing.

And the melody that He gave to me

Within my heart is ringing.....

3. I'd stay in the garden with Him though the night around me is falling,

But He bids me go, through the voice of woe,

His voice to me is calling....

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the  
dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**THE PRAYERS**

*Officiant:*      The Lord be with you.  
*People:*        **And also with you.**  
*Officiant:*      Let us pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we  
forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

### **Suffrages**

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**R. And grant us your salvation.**
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**R. Let your people sing with joy.**
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**R. For only in you can we live in safety.**
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
**R. Your saving health among all nations.**
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

### **The Collect for the Day:**

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **A Collect for Sundays**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



### **A Collect for the Renewal of Life**

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **A Collect for Peace**

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **A Collect for Grace**

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Prayer for Mission**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

### **For Cities**

Heavenly Father, in your Word you have given us a vision of that holy City to which the nations of the world bring their glory: Behold and visit, we pray, the cities of the earth. Renew the ties of mutual regard which form our civic life. Send us honest and able leaders. Enable us to eliminate poverty, prejudice, and oppression, that peace may prevail with righteousness, and justice with order, and that men and women from different cultures and with differing talents may find with one another the fulfillment of their humanity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**For Those Who Live Alone**

Almighty God, whose Son had nowhere to lay his head: Grant that those who live alone may not be lonely in their solitude, but that, following in his steps, they may find fulfillment in loving you and their neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**For Joy in God's Creation**

O heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

**For the Departed**

Remembering Patrick and Marion Waters, Dale and Mariam Hixon, Tom King, and Mckenzie Julian, let us pray in silence for all those we love but see no longer.

*Silence.*

Heavenly Father, grant us grace to entrust them to your never-failing love; receive them into the arms of your mercy, and remember them according to the favor which you bear unto your people. *Amen.*

**PARISH NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS ..... BCP, p. 830**

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**PRAYER FOR ANNIVERSARIES .....BCP, p. 830**

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, we thank you for those among us whose lives together are a sign of Christ’s love to the world, and we thank you especially this day for those who are celebrating their anniversaries. Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their lives. In Christ’s name we pray. *Amen.*

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

## **PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING: The Doxology**

### **THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING:**

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness to us and to all whom you have made.**

**We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages.**

***Amen.***

### **PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSTOSTOM**

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.***

**Let us bless the Lord.**

***Thanks be to God.***

**The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn: All Things Bright and Beautiful.....Royal Oak**

**[Refrain: All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.]**

1. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,

He made their glowing colors, he made their tiny wings...

2. The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,

The sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky....

3. The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,

The ripe fruits in the garden, he made them every one.....

4. He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

How great is God Almighty who has made all things well....

**Dismissal**

*Officiant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**



## *Altar Flowers Today*

*In memory of Patrick & Marion Watters- Patrick Watters*

*In memory of Dale & Miriam Hixon- Bruce & Judy Hixon*



**Bob's Music Notes**

The popular Gospel song "In the Garden" is based on Mary Magdalene's encounter with the resurrected Jesus in Joseph of Arimathea's garden. Author/composer Miles started life as a pharmacist but became editor/publisher at Hall-Mack, where he wrote many hymns, of which this is the best known, penned in a dark basement in Pitman, NJ. Many artists have recorded it. Miles' son, Russell Hancock Miles, went on to write a definitive life of Bach.



"For the Beauty of the Earth" was the work of 29-year-old Folliott Pierpont who was overwhelmed with nature's magnificence. He conceived of it as an Eucharistic expression. In our hymnal it is set to "Lucerna Laudoniae," but the Dix tune is more familiar (also used for "As With Gladness Men of Old.")

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" is another masterpiece by the wife of Archbishop William Alexander, primate of Ireland (who remarked on his deathbed that he would be remembered solely as the husband of Mrs. Alexander). Veterinarian James Alfred Wight (pen name James Herriot) used phrases from this hymn for several of his books. Mrs. Alexander is also remembered for "Once In Royal David's City." She has the knack of using simple language to explain eternal truths.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Monday, September 8

1 pm- Knitting, Family Room  
3 pm- Book Club

### Tuesday, September 9

7 pm- Yoga with Beth

### Wednesday, September 10

4 pm- Evening Prayer, Zoom

### Thursday, September 11

1 pm – Prayer Book Study

### Friday, September 12

5:30 pm- Custer Dinner, Virolands

### Servers this September 7

Lector:

10 am: Kent Clark

Eucharistic Ministers:

8 am: Paul Sack

10 am: Judy Hixon, Bruce Hixon

Acolytes: Karen Viroland

Ushers: Kent Clark

Altar Guild: Carol Popovich, Sara Strattan

### Tuesday, September 16

7 pm- Yoga with Beth

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



3 Ashley Hostetter  
Ronald Rupp  
7 Linda Deuble  
Beth Julian  
14 Maxine Kit  
16 Bruce Hixon  
17 Wayne Paradis  
23 Christopher Smith  
29 Emily Gordon

### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



2 Tom and Sandy Turner

### Servers next September 14

Eucharistic Ministers:

8 am: Sara Strattan

10 am: Anne Coen, Pam McCarthy

Acolytes:

Ushers: John Willoughby, Gary Mull

Altar Guild: Carol Popovich, Sara Strattan



## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

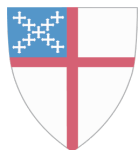
**Have compassion on:** Rich Tirpak, Vonda Temelkoff, Jim Weaver, Jane Schutrum, Ron Brooks, and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

**For those who have died:** Tom King (husband of Jane King) + McKenzie Julian (Daughter-in-law of the Julians)

**Family & Friends:** Jan Taylor Troche (cousin of Leslie Redmond) + Rachel Murphy (friend of the Wises & Kovacevichs) + Paul Tagliabue, Bob Timken, & Jody (friends of the Boyds) + Hannah Smith (friend of Brynn Pelger) + Mary Ann Legrom, Lee, & Chuck Boone (friends & cousin of the Hixons) + Jill Black (friend of Leslie Redmon) + Schultz family (acquaintances of Katie Cerrone) + Joann Smith family (friends of Ken Jaeb) + Kathleen (acquaintance of Sara Strattan) + Allison (cousin of Sandi Kaustinen) + Debbie, Jared, & Clarice Lough (niece & friends of the Watters) + Katheleen Philippsborn (sister of Tom Turner) + Robert Dink" Heinzman & Machelles Wells (Todd's dad & friend of the Heinzmans) + Father Jon Coventry (Trinity Episcopal Church - Alliance) + Jimmy Little (son of Sue Little) + Tom (brother-in-law of AnJane McConville) + Gail and Judy Shumway (sister-in-law & co-worker friend of the Rand's daughter) + Karen McVehil & Pam Lagodich (friends of the Mulls) + Mark Heretic, Sara, Val Hiner-Donlon, & Rick Ciminelli (friends of the Gordons) + Terry Adaska (acquaintance of Bert Heisser) + Trish (friend of Paulette Frech) + Don Siegfried & Janet Sheatzley-Morgan (husband and sister of Barb Siegfried) + Allison Cornell-Hood & Anne Higgins (daughter & friend of Diane Cornell) + Finnigan Savage (friend of Pam McCarthy) + David (acquaintance of the Nadels) + Paul (friend of the Browns) + Those in the Armed Forces.

## **Prayer Chain**

*St. Mark's has a group of prayer warriors who pray for specific needs of those on the prayer chain. If you would like to place yourself or a loved one on the prayer chain, please contact Bobbi Gordon at [ggordon24@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ggordon24@sbcglobal.net) Please note, prayer requests may be placed on the Prayer Chain, in the Prayer Concerns list appearing here and in the Sunday bulletin, or in both places. Please let Bobbi know your preference. Please update Bobbi on the status of your friends or family members as to when they may be removed from the prayer lists.*



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